

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 920155067****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Anchorage Park Foundation - Harvard Park Safety and Maintenance Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$68,700**House District: 23 / L**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to make community-identified upgrades and improvements in Harvard Park in Government Hill.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$93,700**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other Funds	\$25,000	2007				
Total	\$25,000					

Explanation of Other Funds:

The Anchorage Park Foundation is the proud recipient of a five year grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to rehabilitate Anchorage parks.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department are working together to address the necessary repairs and upgrades in neighborhood parks throughout the city, using the Anchorage Parks Report Card to identify priority repairs. More than 1,000 community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function.

We're working hard with community park committees comprising Community Council members, user groups and park neighbors to prioritize the Fix-It lists, build volunteer support and plan Fix-Its in 2010 and 2011.

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We plan to combine public and private funding with volunteer efforts to make a difference in Harvard Park in summer 2011. Please join us.

Project Timeline:

If funding becomes available, the Harvard Park Safety and Maintenance Upgrades project and related expenditures will take place between May - September 2011. Anchorage Park Foundation investments will be matched by volunteer contributions.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

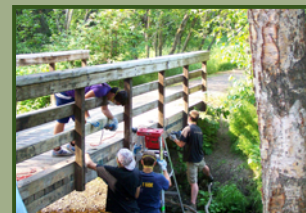
ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

Since 2004, the Anchorage Park Foundation has invested more than \$13 million in Anchorage parks, trails and recreation programs. Join us this summer to revitalize neighborhood parks in your district.

VOLUNTEER



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Spring 2010



Anchorage Park Foundation

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Parks & Recreation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. These are considerable assets for the citizens of Anchorage to enjoy and maintain.

Parks & Recreation launched the Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign with the Anchorage Park Foundation to upgrade the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks. To get involved, call 274-1004.

907.274.1004

Harvard Park

Park Report Card Grade: C-

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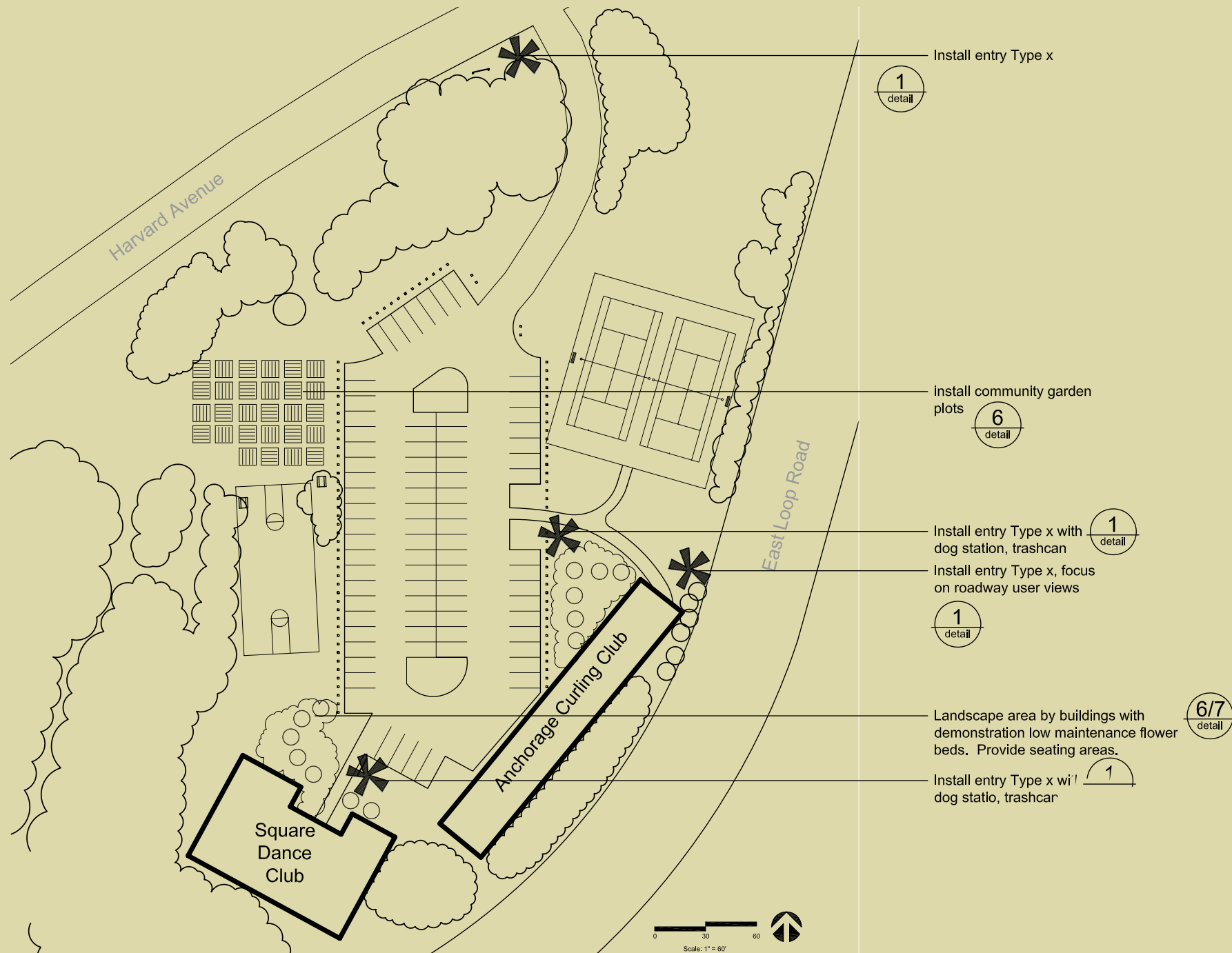
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Anchorage Park Foundation
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Harvard Park Fix It List

1. Add new signs, including the friendly park rules sign
2. Add new dog stations
3. Add new trash containers
4. Repair tennis & basketball courts
5. Prune trees & green areas to improve line of sight
6. Replace picnic tables
7. Add new benches
8. Restore trails and pathways

Project Cost Estimate

Project Budget	Cost
1. New park signs	\$5,000
2. New entrance kiosk	\$2,000
3. Dog stations	\$500
4. Trash containers	\$5,600
5. Benches	\$2,600
6. Picnic tables	\$8,000
7. Tennis & basketball court refurbishment	\$40,000
8. Trail & pathway repair	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$93,700
2010 Request	
Anchorage Park Foundation	\$25,000
State Request	\$68,700
Total Project Budget	\$93,700

Legend



Harvard Park



Alaska Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

February 26, 2010

Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of the Anchorage Park Foundation, I would like to voice my strong support for the request for legislative funding for the rehabilitation and renovation of Harvard Park.

Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home recreation opportunities for Anchorage residents, including areas for children to play, families to picnic and for neighbors to meet. The Anchorage Park Foundation is investing in neighborhood parks to ensure that they provide safe, healthy and secure places for families and children. The Anchorage Park Foundation is the proud recipient of a five-year grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to rehabilitate Anchorage parks. We are using that grant to leverage public and private contributions and volunteer support to attack the Fix-Its in Anchorage neighborhood parks.

In the fall of 2008, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department implemented the Anchorage Parks Report Card project, in which community volunteers evaluated 53 neighborhood parks and created comprehensive "Fix It Lists" for repairs and improvements. In summer 2009, the Anchorage Park Foundation partnered with the Parks & Recreation Department to engage volunteers and a variety of funding sources to rehabilitate 14 neighborhood parks. We are eagerly seeking funds for 2010 and 2011 improvements to parks in your districts, including this request for \$68,700 for Harvard Park in Government Hill.

Planned improvements include safety and amenity improvements designed to create the Government Hill Greenbelt and offer a safe, healthy recreation opportunity to the Government Hill community. Specifically, this work will enhance the safety of the park user's experience by formalizing a social trail through a wooded area and pruning trees and brush to improve the line of sight. **With greater visibility in the greenbelt area, users will be visible to one another and neighbors and law enforcement will be able to more easily view and report illicit behavior.** Furthermore, project partners will add new signs, dog stations, trash containers, benches and picnic tables; repair the tennis and basketball courts to a more usable state; and restore the trails and pathways.

In summer 2009, the APF and Parks & Recreation Department engaged hundreds of volunteers in contributing more than 5,000 hours of their time and energy to revitalizing neighborhood parks. We plan to achieve equal or greater volunteer involvement in our projects over the next two years, and we look forward to inviting you to join us to revitalize your neighborhood park.

We are honored to be a part of this partnership, and we look forward to working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department to seek private funds to match legislative contributions.

Sincerely,

Beth Nordlund

Victor Mollozzi • Jeff Clarke • David Wight • Eleanor Andrews
Janie Leask • Stewart Osgood • Ernie Hall • Matt Carle

Government Hill Community Council

October 15, 2009, Meeting

RESOLUTION

On the above date, the Government Hill Community Council passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Government Hill Community Council requests the MOA Parks and Recreation Department to install more dog deposit stations and garbage cans on the west side of the Government Hill Neighborhood in the upper level section of the Harvard Greenbelt. The GHCC Parks Committee will work with Parks and Recreation and will assist in can placement.

11-19-09
Date

Robert French by SDReto
Robert French
President
Acting Secretary
GHCC